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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2006 in connection with the above-designated application. Applicants note that the Examiner has not indicated a final office action on the *Office Action Summary*. And yet in the *Conclusion*, the Examiner indicates that the Office Action is Final. In view of the new grounds of rejection, Applicants believe the Conclusion to contain a typographical error, and that the Office Action Summary is therefore accurate in not characterizing the subject office action as final. If the Applicants are incorrect in this assessment, the Examiner's call to the undersigned attorney is requested. The Applicants further petition the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to extend the time for reply to the Office Action for one month from July 5, 2006 to August 5, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

An Appendix including marked-up drawing sheets is attached following page 9 of this paper.